

Councilor sees both the good and the bad

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Deborah Barnes. To reach Councilor Barnes, please call (503) 786-7513.



"It was the best of times. It was the worst of times." The quote comes from Charles Dickens in *The Tale of Two Cities* but it is applicable for today and for our City.

We have gone through a difficult budget process. But, the Ledding Library remains open seven days a week. We continue to look for funding opportunities to repair our streets. But, we have plans for a new shopping center being developed on King Road. We have concerns about identity theft spreading in our City. But, we are moving forward with our plans for the Riverfront redevelopment. Our Milwaukie Centennial Celebration was a success thanks to so many hard-working volunteers and many members of the staff of the City. For that, we thank each and every one of you.

As we look ahead, we continue to hold onto the belief that Milwaukie residents deserve only the best opportunities. We believe in the strength and character of our neighbors. We continue to be proud of the thousands of local students who graduate from high school and begin their new lives. Milwaukie has a lot to be proud of and so many opportunities for the future.

It is, indeed, the best of times and the worst of times may soon be a thing of the past. The members of your City Council urge you to take part in opportunities to help shape the future of Milwaukie. #

City joins regional fight against West Nile

Mosquito season is approaching, and health officials throughout the region are stepping up activities to prevent West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne diseases.

Most West Nile infections are mild, resulting in fever and flu-like symptoms, but severe infections may cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), and rarely, death.

The City of Milwaukie has five detention ponds in its inventory. Throughout the spring and summer water samples will be taken at each of the ponds to test for the presence of mosquitoes. Should the results be positive, the pond will be treated with microbial insecticides such as "Mosquito Dunks" or "B.t.i. Briquettes".

Taking simple actions around the house can eliminate mosquito breeding areas and reduce the risk of mosquito bites. For example, empty all water around the home from containers such as gutters, flower pots, old tires, or wheel barrows. Also repair window and door screens and wear long-sleeve clothing and long pants during peak mosquito-biting time: from dusk to dawn.

For more information, call Utility Specialist Dave Butcher at (503) 786-7675 or visit the City's website at www.cityofmilwaukie.org. #

Here are some other helpful sites:
Public Health / Division of Clackamas County
<http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/ph/westnile.htm>
Clackamas County Vector Control
<http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/vector/>
National Pesticide Information Center
<http://npic.orst.edu/wnv/>

FREE concerts and reading program

The Ardenwald Neighborhood invites you to enjoy a pair of their most successful programs, their summer concerts series, and their summer reading series.

Every Thursday in August from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the Neighborhood Association will host a musical performance at Ardenwald Park. The concerts are a great way to get out in the summer air, to meet neighbors, and to hear some great music. The reading program offers free books to children every Thursday morning in July from 10 a.m. to noon at Ardenwald Park. Children can read with adults and pick up some great literature for their budding library.

For more information please call (503) 786-7503. #

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The project will provide a critical link for bicycles to the Springwater Trail and provide sidewalks for local residents. The \$ 2.1 million project is funded by the Federal Highway Administration, the City of Portland and the City of Milwaukie.

For more information, please contact Milwaukie's Engineering Director, Paul Shirey at (503) 786-7601. #

AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page 8 for contact information.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: July 14, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Milwaukie Museum
(3737 SE 21st Ave.)

I hope this issue of the *Pilot* finds you having fun this summer. I hope you had a chance to spend some time at the Centennial Celebration.



Hector Campbell's float entry in the 2003 Centennial Parade earned the Neighborhood a 1st Place ribbon.

So you ask what is happening this summer in the Hector Campbell Neighborhood?

Well, the big thing in the 'hood is the redevelopment of the King Road Super Center. We had a great turn out at the

Open House on June 11th and the over all concern expressed was traffic.

I want to touch on a Citywide concern — vehicles parked on the street or right of way that don't move. The City streets are not a storage lot for old cars and trailers. The City Code has provisions for towing vehicles that don't move in 24 hours.

So what is the big deal about using the street for a storage lot? Well, it can provide problems for public safety vehicles like fire engines. It's a hassle for people like garbage collectors, mailmen, utility workers that need to access the right of way.

The cars become eyesores in the community with dirt and garbage collection on and around them. Your neighbors don't like to look out their windows and see the same old car or trailer day after day. You might not think it's a junker, but your neighbors might.

I encourage you to help keep our community a great place to live by moving old cars and trailers off the street. And if you feel there's a car that needs to be moved please call the City police non-emergency number at (503) 786-7400 and give them the description and license number. Your complaint can be anonymous.

ISLAND STATION

Written by Lisa Batey

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: July 17, 6:30 p.m.; Where: Milwaukie Grange, (Located at 12015 SE 22nd Ave.)

Spring Park continued to figure prominently among the topics for the June meeting of the Island Station Neighborhood Association (ISNA), at which neighbors also discussed plans for celebrating Neighborhood Night Out and welcomed a new homeowner to the Neighborhood.

The City and the ISNA are moving toward joint development of a master plan for a pocket park in Spring Park. One of the first steps is a public meeting to dis-

cuss the concept with landowners whose land adjoins the park, as well as other interested citizens, on Monday, July 7th at 7 p.m. at City Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend to learn more about our relatively modest pocket park plans.

Although many elements must wait for approval of the master plan by the Milwaukie Planning Commission, some improvements — such as placement of a picnic table, bench, and garbage canis-

LAKE ROAD

Written by Teresa Bresaw

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: NEXT MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

For any of you crafts people out there, do you have something you made that would represent the crafts of today? I'm taking donations for things to put in the Centennial time capsule.

For people that do have some extra time don't be afraid to volunteer for any number of boards or commissions that help represent the wishes of the average citizen.

Being on the Planning Commission I'm starting to learn what some of the problems of development are. There are lots of rules and regulations and not all of them are perfect, but without them we would have chaos and more negative situations than we currently have.

I don't want developers to add density without some regard for the existing neighbors. The developers profit motive is the least important consideration of the Planning Department and the Planning Commission. The most important consideration is how is this development going to compare with others over the test of time in ways such as aesthetics, quality, proportion, safety, and environmentally.

I still feel very lucky to live in a small town like Milwaukie. It's quite possible to make a difference and affect some change even though it may be a small change if you choose to get involved.

ter — may be possible this summer, and neighbors are keen to put such improvements in place as a first step toward the creation of the pocket park.

Finally, to raise money for the Spring Park pocket park, neighbors are planning an **ISNA Yard Sale** on **Saturday, August 9th**. Anyone with items to donate for the yard sale, or anyone willing to volunteer to help can give me a call at (503) 353-1825.

AROUND TOWN

LEWELLING

Written by Amy Hough, Secretary

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: NEXT MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

Neighborhood Picnic

Our Annual Neighborhood Picnic is scheduled for **Saturday, July 19**, from **Noon to 3:30 p.m.**, at the **Lewelling Community Park** on the corner of Stanley and Willow.

There will be food, games, live music, and a Bing cherry cook-off in honor of the Centennial Celebration. We would love to have people bring their prepared cherry recipe and allow it to be judged for prizes, and the chance to have that dish served at our fund-raiser in August for more than 300 people. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Fund-raiser Dinner

We are very excited about this announcement; The Royal Marc (Indepen-

dent Living) will host an amazing **fund-raising dinner** for the Lewelling Community Park on **August 3rd**.

The menu will include marinated tri-tip steak, choice salmon, beautiful side dishes, salad, and the winning Cherry recipe from the Neighborhood picnic. Tickets are available at \$7 a plate, and walk-ins are welcome. There will be two seatings available to the public, one at **2:30 p.m.**, and another at **5:30 p.m.** Entertainment and Table Service will enhance the dining experience.

For more information, please contact Lewelling Neighborhood Chair Art Ball at (503) 786-4016 or the Royal Marc at (503) 653-1854.

Although the next Neighborhood meeting isn't until September, there is a full schedule of summer projects in our community, so check the *Pilot* for further details!

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by Ray Bryan, Treasurer

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: July 14, 7 p.m.

Where: Milwaukie Elementary,
(Located at 11250 SE 27th Ave.)

I hope all of you are enjoying this summer and that you have been able to attend at least part of the Centennial events.

I would like to thank all the dedicated volunteers that have been working so hard. The parade and other events so far have been awesome. Coming soon, **July 26th**, will be a **Riverfront Celebration** with fireworks sponsored in part by the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association.

Recently, I have been looking into the history of our Neighborhood organization. The times of greatest involvement have always been when there is an issue that threatens the livability or quality of life in the Neighborhood.

At present there is no impending doom and our attendance has been waning. There are, of course, the few diligent members who are always involved and making a difference, but for many of the rest of us it is easy to get sidetracked with our busy lives.

How nice if we could focus some energy and do something proactive to improve our Neighborhood. I'm sure everyone reading this has an idea of something good they would like to see happen. Bringing your idea to a Neighborhood meeting is a good place to get started. For those who have a public safety or traffic concern you can bring them also. We have a member who attends the Public Safety Committee meetings and can see that your issue is addressed.

This fall, to mark the City's Centennial, we will plant several Dogwood trees in our Neighborhood. We could certainly use some help finding suitable spots for them and with the planting.

Our association also needs a Secretary to take minutes at our meetings. Speaking of meetings, the next one will be **July 14th at 7 p.m.** It will be outdoors at **Milwaukie Elementary School**. Hope to see you there!

LINWOOD

Written by Dolly Macken Hambricht

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: NEXT MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

The Centennial Memories book, Linwood's contribution to our 100-year celebration is going well. City and County Departments are mostly finished and we have made a good start on Community Organizations, with many still to weigh in. There is already a lot of information in the book, many "I didn't know that's!" that we hope folks will enjoy.

If you would like your organization, your personal family or your business history included in the Centennial Memories Book, give me a call at (503) 659-8908.

Please remember that when this book is printed (probably Jan., 2004) all of the sales' proceeds will be directed to the Ledding Library and the Milwaukie Museum, so the more history and items of interest that are included, the more people will seek it out to buy and the more successful it will be. And the more the person buying the book will learn!

Hope to hear from you soon!

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by Carlotta Collette, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: NEXT MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

We've had two clear "heads-up" signs this spring: North Clackamas Parks cut the funding for our August concert series, and Clackamas County Schools closed a week early, leaving us on short notice with no place for our monthly meeting.

What do these two signs — and all the other budget cutting tactics in the air — tell us? We have to count less on government and more on ourselves to build and maintain the communities we want.

While we don't have any Neighborhood Association meetings scheduled until September, use the summer to think about what it is you value in your community — good schools, local markets, the neighbor who gives you vegetables from his garden, the park down the block — whatever it is.

Think about what it takes to keep those valuable assets intact, and what it takes to grow more assets like them. In the fall, let's regroup and go to work.



Pilot slims down

In keeping with the City's overall effort of finding savings wherever it can in order to better meet the City's growing budgetary problems, the **Pilot** has been reduced from an eight page publication to a six page format.

Even with two less pages, the City will strive to maintain the high level of communication that has been established between the City and its residents.

While the newsletter becomes smaller, the City's website is expanding. The City points to the website as an increasingly important way to communicate with its citizens. And while the Neighborhood columns are shorter, there's no better way to learn about your Neighborhood issues than attending a meeting or speaking with your Neighborhood's chair. Contact information is listed on the back panel of this publication. If you have any questions, please call (503) 786-7503. ☎

Residents supportive of project

As hundreds of people milled around the King Road Super Center on June 11th reviewing the plans for the redevelopment projects proposed for the site, two things were clear: one was that area residents have concerns about potential increases in traffic, the other is that people are really excited by the plans for the new Safeway grocery store and three other office and retail buildings slated for the site.

The City and applicant, Gene and Pat Dierenger, are now working with traffic consultants to develop ways to mitigate possible traffic impacts. The applicant will submit a transition area plan that demonstrates how impacts to the surrounding residential properties will be minimized.



The Planning Commission was to review the application in July, but in order to iron out a traffic plan, the Commission will likely review the matter in August. For more information, please call Associate Planner Lindsey Nesbitt at (503) 786-7658. ☎

Ledding Library helps create young book lovers

Thanks to the generous support of several local businesses, Ledding Library is offering weekly prize drawings for teen readers this summer.

Every time they complete a book, teens who sign up for the summer reading program can fill out a brief book review and enter their name in the drawing. Weekly, five names are drawn to receive gift certificates.

Businesses which donated prizes include the following: Capello Salon; Chopsticks Express; Dark Horse Comics; Libbies Restaurant; Milwaukie Bowl; Pietro's Pizza; and Wind Horse Coffee.

The Friends of Ledding Library paid for the remainder of the program, enabling all teens who read for 15 hours to receive a free paperback book and a ticket for five hours of free rides at Oaks

Amusement Park on Thursday, August 21st.

The teen reading program is proving quite popular. By mid-June over 100 teens had already signed up.

Children may also earn a free paperback book and ticket to Oaks Park in the youth reading program called "Read! Discover! Explore!" ☎

The City Code Corner

It's the growing season, and while this means gardens will flourish and flowers will bloom, it also means trees and shrubs can get unwieldy and annoying vegetation like weeds and blackberry bushes will be on the rise.

To keep yards looking well-maintained and to minimize fire hazards the City's Municipal Code stipulates that weeds, grass, blackberry bushes and other types of vegetation are not to exceed eight inches in height.

And in order to keep sidewalks and intersections free from site obstructions, the Code states that shrubs and trees need to be cutback or trimmed to a height of eight feet over a sidewalk, and 12 feet over a street.

If you see a yard that could use attention, please call Code Compliance Coordinator Steven Campbell at (503) 786-7545. ☎

Project takes materials out of waste cycle

Rather than simply demolishing the Safeway Site and sending all of the debris to a landfill, the City of Milwaukie has hired a contractor that's salvaging the building's reusable materials like lumber, pipe, wire, glass and concrete.

Kelly Somers, the City's Fleet and Facilities Supervisor, says the strategy proves to not only be better for the environment, but is just as cost effective as a straight demolition.

"We want to keep as much stuff out of the landfill as we can," Kelly says. "Recycling it just makes good sense, and it's cost effective."

Material such as the lumber beams and copper wiring can be extracted and then resold, thereby reducing the bottom line of the project. About 90% of the material will be redirected into the recycling stream, and that better quality fencing will be erected around the site once the deconstruction is complete, thought to be sometime in early July. ☎

City Events Calendar

July 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Street JCB - Public Works Building, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Avenue		6:00pm City Council Regular Session (MCH)	Historic Milwaukie Concerts in the Park Series! Noon, Scott Park (Near Ledding Library)		INDEPENDENCE DAY! City Offices Closed	
Farmer's Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.		6:30pm Planning Commission Regular Session (PSB)	Historic Milwaukie Concerts in the Park Series! Noon, Scott Park (Near Ledding Library)			
Farmer's Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 6:00pm Riverfront Board, (MCH) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA (Milwaukie Museum)	6:00pm City Council Regular Session (MCH)	Historic Milwaukie Concerts in the Park Series! Noon, Scott Park (Near Ledding Library)	6:30pm Island Station NDA (The Milwaukie Grange)		The Lewelling Picnic! The Lewelling Community Park (Stanley and Willow Streets) Noon to 3:30 p.m.
Farmer's Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	7:00pm Historic Milwaukie NDA (Milwaukie Elementary) 6:30pm Ledding Library Board, (LED)	7:00pm PARB, (MCH) 6:30pm Planning Commission Work Session (MCH)	6:30pm Design and Landmarks Commission (JCB) Historic Milwaukie Concerts in the Park Series! Noon, Scott Park (Near Ledding Library)	6:00pm Public Safety Advisory Board (PSB)		The Centennial Riverfront Celebration! On the Riverfront near the Jefferson Boat Ramp Starts at noon
Farmer's Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.			Historic Milwaukie Concerts in the Park Series! Noon, Scott Park (Near Ledding Library)			CITY OF MILWAUKIE CENTENNIAL 1903-2003

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD AND JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays
6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary
Chair, Carlotta Collette, (503) 653-5771

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays
7 p.m., Milwaukie Museum
Chair, David Aschenbrenner, 654-4258
email: davidasch@attbi.com

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays
7 p.m., Milwaukie Elementary
Chair, Ed Zumwalt, (503) 654-2493
email: PEMCZUM@aol.com

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held third Thursdays
6:30 p.m., the Milwaukie Grange
Chair, Rick Farasy, (503) 786-2437

LAKE ROAD

NO MEETINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER
7 p.m., Rowe Middle School
Chair, Bob Moore, (503) 794-2946

LEWELLING

Meetings held on first Thursdays
7 p.m., Lewelling Elementary
Chair, Art Ball, (503) 786-4016

LINWOOD

NO MEETINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER
7 p.m., Linwood Elementary
Chair, Dolly Macken Hambricht, (503) 659-8908



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Good-bye with thanks

Written by Ed Zumwalt, Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood

Before you read this the City of Milwaukie will have lost one of its most valuable employees. June 30th marked the last official work day for Michelle Gregory, Neighborhood Services Manager, Public Information Officer, and many other



Michelle with her daughter, Elanor

important functions, who is leaving to form her own business.

For the last five years she has been the City's Light Rail Liaison, working extensively with Metro and TriMet to hammer out an alignment that would be acceptable to the citizens

of Milwaukie. During this process she brought the City's seven Neighborhood Associations together to form the "Fourteen Points," a document outlining terms the Neighborhoods perceived should be met for this rail corridor.

This act alone brought the Neighborhoods together as never before, giving them the resilience and strength to become a powerful voice in forming City policies. This is a far cry from before, when the Neighborhoods were a loosely-knit, sometimes fractious group of independent Associations. She should be very proud of this accomplishment.

Michelle has been a rock, a natural leader, the heart and soul of the Neighborhood Associations. Out of respect for her accomplishments, the Neighborhoods will make every effort to grow in vision and stature.

Michelle, you know how we all feel about you. Good luck in your new venture. ☎

Firework display to punctuate celebration

A stunning fireworks display, a dragon boat demonstration and exhibition, a days-worth of live music headlined by Elvis; what better way to generate some excitement for Milwaukie's Riverfront in the City's Centennial year?

On Saturday, July 26th, residents will gather near the Jefferson Boat Ramp for an entire day of celebration. Local musicians will perform during the afternoon, and about 6 p.m., Jamie's Famous Rock & Roll Legends will take the stage. Filling the Legend's bill of impersonators are Patsy Kline, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, and a 50's-era Elvis.

Dragon Sports U.S.A. will be on hand, and will provide celebration-goers of all ages the opportunity to train and compete on the 40-foot vessels.

Please see [Riverfront Celebration](#) on page 2

JCB road project set for construction in July

Beginning in mid-July the City of Milwaukie and the City of Portland will construct street improvements on Johnson Creek Boulevard from SE 36th Ave. to SE 45th Ave. The project will include full reconstruction and repaving of the street and the addition of bike lanes and sidewalks.

Construction is expected to last approximately four months, and during construction Johnson Creek Boulevard will be closed to through traffic. Johnson Creek Boulevard will remain open for residential and business access.

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County eyes City for tourism

The Clackamas County Tourism Development Council met with about 30 Milwaukie citizens on June 18th to discuss how the City could better attract tourists and visitors.

The Development Council is conducting a series of such workshops in all of its cities so that it can better direct tourism funding throughout the county. Tourism funding is made available through the hotel/motel tax in Clackamas County.

Don Anderson of the Destination Consultancy Group, a firm that helps communities coordinate tourism and visitor planning, facilitated the meeting and addressed how visitors rated their experiences in various locations throughout the county and what local communities should think about in terms of attracting visitors.

Those in attendance identified the

Please see [Tourism](#) on page 4